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# H1N1 leftovers heading south

VACCINE Canada is lending some of its leftover swine flu vaccine to Mexico so the country can begin immunizing the general public while it waits for the rest of its own supply to show up.

The Mexican government ordered doses of the H1N1 influenza vaccine from several manufacturers outside its borders, but will not receive the bulk of its supply until the end of the month.

Mexico asked to borrow five million doses to bridge the gap, and Canada had more than enough lying around in storage to grant the request.

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Canada's Jasey Jay Anderson celebrates in the finish area after taking the victory in the men's parallel giant slalom race at the Snowboard World Cup event yesterday in Austria.

# Securing air travel

# Canada already treats certain travellers differently: Baird

Transport Minister John Baird said yesterday while Canada has taken a dim view of racial profiling, it already treats certain countries differently when their citizens travel to Canada.

Baird was asked whether Canada is going to fall in

U.S. hit list

The U.S. has slapped

tougher rules on travellers

from Cuba, Iran, Sudan and

Syria, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Afghanistan,

Algeria, Lebanon, Libya,

Iraq, Somalia and Yemen.

line with the U.S. in targeting travellers from 14 mostly Muslim countries as part of heightened airport security in the wake of a Dec. 25 foiled

bombing of a Northwest Airline flight.

"We do put already ... visa requirements on some citizens of some countries, so we do treat people from different countries differently today," he said.

Canada requires visas of travellers from more than 145 countries and territories.

"In terms of Canada we will get the specifics on what the request is from the United States and then come up with a Canadian response," Baird said.

Baird has announced the government has ordered 44 full-body scanners at a cost of \$11 million to boost the screening of travellers to the United States and critics fear that the next step is to

mirror U.S.style racial profiling. NDP MP

NDP MP Don Davis said he feared if Baird had already bowed to U.S. pressure to put body scanners in airports, he

cumb to the pressure to profile based on the American rules.

Liberal MP Joe Volpe said opposition MPs don't even get a chance to question the manner in which the Conservative government is handling this latest security scare because Prime Minister Stephen Harper suspended Parliament late last month until March 3.

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# Screen mounted at Lansdowne Park for slain officer's funeral

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Members of the public will be able to view today's funeral for slain Ottawa police Const. Ireneusz (Eric) Czapnik on a screen set up inside the Aberdeen Pavilion at Lansdowne Park, but they will have to use public transit to get there. "We expect that there will be up to 4,000 sworn and civilian members coming from across Canada and the United States to attend the police funeral," said Chief Vern White. "We are making every effort to ensure the community can participate, however, space will be limited."

There will be no public parking at Lansdowne Park

"We expect that there will be up to 4,000 sworn and civilian members coming ... to attend the police funeral." Chief Vern White

or on roads used by the funeral procession from Carleton University to Lansdowne Park.

Residents wishing to pay their respects by standing along the procession route or attending the funeral are advised to take public transportation.

The funeral procession march begins at the Carleton University Fieldhouse around noon and will arrive at Lansdowne Park before 1:30 p.m.

Following the funeral, there will be a procession from Lansdowne Park to a private interment at Beechwood Cemetery.

Czapnik, 51, was stabbed Dec. 29 at the Civic Campus of the Ottawa Hospital. He was the first Ottawa police officer killed in the line of duty since 1983.



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# Stuntman Stu wants to call shots at city hall

CANDIDACY The Ottawa Senators' goal announcer may soon be announcing a goal of his own: His candidacy for mayor of Ottawa.

Stu Schwartz, better known to



announced via his Face-

book profile Stuntman Stu Tuesday morning that if he reaches 20,000

supporters on the social networking site, he will officially announce his candidacy for mayor in the upcoming elections.

While he admitted to having "zero political experience," Schwartz, a Montreal native, said that there are "a lot of people with a lot of political expe rience there now, and nothing seems to be getting

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# Gauthier joins race, will Watson follow?

# MPP considers second run as mayor of Ottawa

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The campaign for mayor of Ottawa is now a twoway race.

Robert G. Gauthier submitted his papers yesterday, joining Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen in the cam-

This is Gauthier's second kick at the can. He was trounced in the race against former Ottawa mayor Jim Watson - who now serves as provincial minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and Ottawa West-Nepean MPP - in 1997, receiving 12 per cent of the votes, compared to 80 per cent for Watson. This may set up a bit of a rematch as Watson is mulling over another run as mayor.

"I'm obviously reflecting on what the future holds for my political life and hope to make a decision in the next couple of weeks," Watson said.

"I have obviously been encouraged by people who have come up to me and encouraged me

to run for mayor - it's very humbling. But it's a big decision. Certainly ľm enjoying the Watson work I'm do-



ing provincially and with my ministry, but in fairness to my constituents, I've got to make a decision sooner or later and let people know what my plans are.

"It's a decision you don't take lightly. I've spent some time over the holidays thinking about it."

Since the amalgamation, Ottawa is "a different city, a bigger city," he said.

While he said Ottawa

"has a lot of big challenges," he wasn't going to prejudge what the issues

are for this council.
"I don't want to be a quarterback analyst on issues facing the current council. They have their work cut out for them and I wish them well. It's in everyone's interest that the city succeeds, because we're all residents of the community,' he said.

Still, he said "it's evident that there are challenges that emanate from the budget process, transportation and environmental issues.

In the council race, Ike Awgu — who was 19 when he first ran in the 2003 election - was the third candidate registered in Bay Ward as of yesterday morning. Ramsayville Community Association president Mark Scharfe also submitted his papers for Osgoode Ward. WITH FILES FROM TIM WIECLAWSKI

# Flu shots Roving clinics



Sharon Jamison, 18, gets her H1N1 vaccination at an Ottawa Public Health flu shot clinic at Brookfield High School yesterday. The city's roving clinics for H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccinations resumed yesterday and continue through Feb. 10.

# Centre to receive \$3.6M for expansion

After investing in hard infrastructure bridges, transit projects and sewer projects — for the first part of the recession, the provincial and federal governments turned their attention to the "soft-service side of infrastructure," the province's minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing said yesterday.

The three levels of government will each invest \$1.2 million — for a total of \$3.6 million — to expand and renovate the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre. The addition of a fourth floor will add 6,000 square feet of space to expand services.

While hard infrastructure is "very important," said lim Watson, who is also the MPP of Ottawa West-Nepean, "we shouldn't - and didn't - forget there's another side to infrastructure, the so-called soft service side of infrastructure. Those organizations in the not-forprofit sector also have infrastructure needs ... but just don't have the resources.

"I think it's important that when we look at infrastructure, there's also social



Kanata South Coun. Peggy Feltmate, who was the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre's first executive director, reacts to the announcement of a \$3.6-million investment in the centre yesterday while federal Minister of State Gordon O'Connor, left, and provincial Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Jim Watson look on.

 helping people, whether through counselling or childcare or seniors programming.

The investment will not only help create jobs, but deliver essential community services to improve the

quality of life for residents in Ottawa, Watson said.

"All across the province, communities have suffered from an economic downturn that has hit the world hard," said federal Minister of State and Carleton Mississippi Mills MP Gordon

With more than 70 employees, the 25-year-old centre is crammed and needs the space, Watson said. The building was designed so that another floor can be added, he said.

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# 14 properties getting \$35M stimulus fixup

FUNDS The National Capital Commission is getting \$35 million to spruce up 14 of its properties around

The federal Infrastructure Stimulus Fund is giving \$3.75 million for new facilities along the historic Rideau Canal Skateway; \$4.05 million for repairs to the Portage Bridge connecting Ottawa and Gatineau and \$6.3 million to rehabilitate the masonry and concrete walls over 550 metres of the Rockcliffe Parkway north retaining wall.

A four-kilometre stretch of the four-lane Aviation Parkway will be rehabilitated at a cost of \$6 million.

The concession, bus shelter and bandstand buildings, along with sections of the pathway in Vincent Massey Park will get a \$3-million facelift. while at Hog's Back Park, the washroom and concession buildings will receive universal accessibility upgrades estimated at \$3 million.

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'Chinese Warren Buffet' sought on Ponzi scheme allegations Weizhen Tang, who had claimed to be a Chinese Warren Buffett, is being sought by police on a Canada-wide arrest warrant on charges he ran a \$40-million Ponzi scheme. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Canada

# **Plight of Afghan** women disturbing

Suicide seen as way to escape violence: Report

choosing suicide to escape the violence and brutality of their daily lives, says a new human-rights report prepared by Canada's Foreign Affairs Department.

The 2008 annual assessment paints a grim picture of a country where violence against women and girls is common, despite rising public awareness among Afghans and international condemnation.

'Self-immolation is being used by increasing numbers of Afghan women to escape their dire circumstances and women constitute the majority of Afghan suicides," said the report, completed in November

A British study, cited in the Foreign

Affairs report, said 87 per cent of Afghan women complained that they were the victims of violence, half of it sexual.

The document was obtained by The Canadian Press under the Access to Information Act.

The director of a burn unit at a hospital in the relatively peaceful province of Herat reported that in 2008 more than 80 women tried to kill themselves by setting themselves on fire, many of them in the early 20s.

Many of those women died, the report said.

The frank evaluation of the plight of women was

written against the backdrop of international de-bate last year over the Afghanistan government's so-called rape law.

The legislation, aimed at courting votes in the mi-nority Shiite community, legalized rape within a marriage. It prompted outrage in Canada and many other countries.

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# Halifax Two DUIs in one day?



Diedra Fougere is escorted from a courtroom at Halifax provincial court vesterday. Fougere was arrested twice on Tuesday and charged with impaired driving on both occasions - once in the morning and again in the evening. Fougere has two previous impaired driving convictions, one in 1990, the other in 2001.



#### **News** in brief

ARCTIC American researchers suggest the melting season for Arctic sea ice is growing faster across much of the Canadian Arctic than anywhere else in the world. A recently published article says that, on average, sea ice has started melting 2.5 days earlier every decade and begun to refreeze 3.7 days lat-

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# Feds to check out safety of biofuels

HEALTH The Harper government is taking a harder look at an industry that has been a political and policy darling amid soaring fuel prices and fretting about greenhouse gases.

A study has been ordered into the environmental and health effects of producing ethanol and biodiesel after other countries found facilities that make renewable fuels could be behind problems with air, water and human health.

"Based on global production levels from the past three years alone, there is now evidence of implications to the environment from biofuels-based ethanol production facilities," says a government document released yester-

"Biofuels (ethanol and biodiesel) are still viewed as 'green' energy sources by some, however criticism of biofuels has also grown remarkably throughout recent years.

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A 21-month-old boy who was dropped to safety from the third floor of a burning Edmonton apartment was safely caught by a man on the ground. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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# Montreal mob war not expected

Repeat of 1990s' biker battle unlikely: Experts

Experts doubt an all-out war between the Mob and street gangs is in the offing despite the brazen slaying of the eldest son of a jailed Montreal Mafia boss

Speculation is rife that street gangs are linked to the Dec. 28 killing of Nicolo Rizzuto Jr., son of Vito Rizzuto, the reputed head of the Italian Mafia in Montreal.

But observers don't believe street gangs have the sophistication or the financial resources for a war like the biker gang battle between the Hells Angels and the Rock Machine in the 1990s.

"I don't think they can declare a full-out war," said Michael Chettleburgh, a Canadian street gang expert

Montreal police have not

# **Leadership void?**

• The Montreal Mafia's leadership is believed to be in shambles with Vito Rizzuto serving a prison sentence in the United States and other top leaders behind bars after a major police roundup in 2006 called Operation Colisee.

made an arrest in the Rizzuto killing. A weapon was recovered and witnesses reported seeing a black male fleeing on foot.

Many of the city's street gangs are predominantly made up of young Haitians.

"What's happening (with the Rizzuto slaying) is not common and I think it's going to spell some retribution at the street level for sure," said Chettle-

burgh, who has written ex-

tensively about gangs.
"But I don't think for a
moment that this is marking the emergence of
street gangs as all of a sudden being more powerful
than organized crime in
Montreal."

Montreal police declined to be interviewed and will release street gang statistics next month. In July, police reported that street gang crime was down.

But since then, there have been signs of tension in the underworld, including a rash of arson attacks in the city's east end targeting mainly Italian cafes.

Yesterday, police were investigating yet another Molotov cocktail attack, this time coupled with an armed robbery carried out by four men at yet another cafe.

# CUPE sets strike date for N.S. workers

UNION A strike deadline of Jan. 18 has been set for thousands of workers in hospitals and schools across most of Nova Scotia.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees says the workers will walk off the job unless a contract settlement is reached.

The union says no talks are currently planned for the employees, who work outside the Halifax region

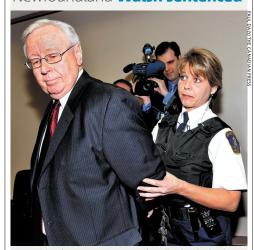
CUPE says maintaining wage parity with workers in Halifax is the key issue.

About 4,100 of the CUPE members work in hospitals in eight health authorities.

The school support staff number about 3,000.

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# Newfoundland Walsh sentenced



Jim Walsh, a former prominent Newfoundland and Labrador cabinet minister, is escorted from court in St. John's, yesterday. Walsh was sentenced yesterday to 22 months in jail and ordered to pay \$144,000 in restitution for his role in the province's constituency allowance spending scandal.

# McGuinty quickly calls byelection

SMITHERMAN Despite being plagued by scandals, a \$25-billion deficit and an unpopular plan to harmonize sales taxes, Premier Dalton McGuinty ostensibly put the Liberal government's record on the line yesterday and called a byelection to replace former deputy premier George Smitherman.

While byelections are hailed by opposition parties as a chance for voters to voice their discontent with the government, opposition insiders concede they are unlikely to defeat the Liberals Feb. 4 in Toronto Centre. Smitherman held the riding for the past decade until he stepped down to take a run at the mayor's chair in Toronto.

McGuinty moved with the political equivalent of light speed to call the byelection, using the very first legal opportunity to schedule the vote.

McGuinty has never moved so quickly to fill a vacant seat in the legislature, especially during the two years when former Progressive Conservative leader John Tory was seeking a riding in which to run after losing his seat in the 2007 election.

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More than two dozen killed in China mine fire

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# A fire in a coal mine in central China killed at least 25 workers and search efforts continue for at least three others trapped underground, state media reported yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# World



# Missing lottery winner feared killed

In 2006, Abraham Shakespeare — a truck driver's assistant who lived with his mother — won \$30 million US in the Florida lottery. His good fortune may have cost him his life. Shakespeare, left, vanished months ago, and a local sheriff has an ominous theory: he was murdered. "There are a lot of odd and bizarre circumstances in this case," Sheriff Grady Judd said. "We fear and are preparing for the worst. We're working this case as if it were a homicide."

# Yemen sensitive of U.S. intervention

Yemen's foreign minister said yesterday that his country opposes any direct intervention by U.S. or other foreign troops in the fight against al-Qaida.

Foreign Minister Abu Bakr al-Qirbi told The Associated Press in an interview that "there is a lot of sensitivity about foreign troops coming to Yemeni territory."

ry."

His comments came as Yemeni security forces launched a manhunt for the suspected leader of an al-Qaida cell believed to be behind a threatened attack that forced the closure this week of the U.S. and British embassies in the capital city of San'a.

Security forces swept into several areas where the militant, Mohammed Ahmed

al-Hanaq, was believed to be hiding in the mountainous region of Arhab, northeast of the capital, but have not located him, security officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to the press

ized to talk to the press.

The U.S. says the Arhab cell was behind a plot to send al-Qaida fighters into San'a to carry out attacks, possibly against foreign embassies. The U.S. and British embassies closed down Sun-

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A Pentagon report finds rising number of former Gitmo detainees are returning to the battlefield. Scan this code for the full story. day and Monday, and other Western missions limited or stopped their access to the public.

Security forces on Monday tried to capture al-Hanaq as he was moving through the Arhab region, prompting heavy clashes. Mohammed Ahmed and Nazeeh al-Hanaq both escaped, but two fighters with them were killed. The U.S. and British embassies reopened the following day, saying the clashes had largely resolved the threat.

There have been media reports that U.S. cruise missiles or warplanes were involved in strikes carried out last month against several al-Qaida strongholds, which Yemen says killed at least 30 militants

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# Peru Bonus baby



A child representing baby Jesus lies covered in cash as the hand of a man representing one of the Three Kings reads coca leaves in an Andean Indian market on Epiphany in Lima yesterday. Epiphany, also known as Three Kings Day, is celebrated by Catholics to commemorate the journey of the Three Kings who paid homage to baby Jesus.

# Elephant kills mother, baby

KENYA A lone elephant charged out of the brush as an American family was hiking near Mount Kenya and trampled to death a mother and the one-yearold daughter she held in her arms, officials said yes-

Four adults and the baby

were walking with an unarmed guide just outside Mount Kenya National Park on Monday when the elephant charged, said wildlife official Michael Kipkeu.

The family was hiking on

The family was hiking on a nature trail near the Castle Forest Lodge, where the family was vacationing, said the owner, Melia van Laar. "The elephant emerged

from the bush at full speed without any warning," van Laar said. "Everybody ran away, but the lady, burdened by the weight of the baby, perhaps, or in panic, was not able to run fast enough." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

### **News** in brief

U.S. President Barack Obama began his second year in office with the second lowest job approval rating and highest disapproval rating of any president at that point in their term in 50 years. But the ratings do not necessarily predict political failure, since other presidents with low polling numbers have gone on to win re-election. Accord-

ing to Gallup, Obama started out his presidency with a 68 per cent approval rating. But that has dropped to 50 per cent going into 2010.

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# Ex-prostitute loses case against former school

NETHERLANDS A Dutch court has rejected a compensation claim by a woman who sued her former high school for allegedly failing to stop her from becoming a prostitute.

Maria Mosterd claimed Thorbecke School should have done more to prevent pimps preying on her and should have told her mother about her repeated school absence.

The 20-year-old wrote a book about her experiences, claiming pimps took her from school in the eastern Netherlands city of Zwolle and put her to work as a prostitute.

Mosterd and her mother, Lucie, say they went to court to highlight the problem of pimps, known in the Netherlands as "lover boys," who befriend and exploit young girls.

"This happens at many schools, and nobody takes

# "This happens at many schools, and nobody takes responsibility for it."

Lucie Mosterd, mother of plaintiff

responsibility for it," Lucie Mosterd said in a telephone interview. "We hoped we would win to make the point that this is going on at schools."

Zwolle district court rejected Mosterd's compensation claim yesterday, saying the school tried unsuccessfully to contact her mother and called in a truancy officer.

The court ruling also said that parents, not schools, are primarily responsible for their children's well-being.

The family is considering appealing.

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Six officers dead in Russia suicide bombing

A suicide bomber blew up an explosives-packed car at a police station in Russia's troubled North Caucasus yesterday, killing six officers and wounding at least 16 people. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the attack. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Homegrown terror examined

U.S. study finds U.S. Muslims less prone to extremism than those abroad

A U.S. study released yesterday on homegrown terror reveals that most of the publicly known cases since the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks involved young men who were U.S.-born or naturalized citizens.

The report, called "Anti-Terror Lessons of Muslim-Americans," and conducted by researchers from Duke University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, aimed to learn why American Muslims seem less prone to ex-tremism than Muslims in Europe and elsewhere.

Using a broad definition of homegrown terror, it identified 139 American Muslims accused in the last eight years of planning or carrying out violent attacks motivated by extrem-

Although Arabs formed the largest group of suspects, their numbers were only slightly higher than African-Americans, South Asians, Somalis whites. About a third were converts to Islam. Researchers concluded that American Muslim self-policing has helped stem radicalization.

The cases include army Maj. Nidal Hasan, charged with the Fort Hood mass shooting last November, and the five young men from Virginia who were recently arrested in Pakistan, allegedly on their way to get terrorist training and

## **Report's recommendations**

 The report urges civil authorities to increase their support for American Muslims who are starting youth groups, build-

the Taliban in Afghanistan. The largest number of cases occurred last year, with a total of 41 suspects, although researchers say it's too early to know if that is an aberration or a trend.

The 2009 increase is partly due to the cases of young Somali-Americans in Minneapolis believed to have joined Somalia's al-Shabab jihadist movement. Even with the common threads among the

ing Islamic schools and starting other projects that reinforce the message that extremism is contrary to Islam.

cases, researchers said they found no definitive pattern of how the accused were radicalized and no geographic centre of extremism in the U.S.

The study found the planned targets of most of the violent plots were overseas. All but one of the suspects were male and most were under age 30 and most were U.S.-born, naturalized citizens or legal residents of the country.

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# Ireland Fighters disarm



A woman walks past a mural of the Ulster Freedom Fighters, the military wing of the Ulster Defense Association in East Belfast, Northern Ireland, yesterday. The group has finally fully disarmed, a requirement of the province's 1998 peace accord.

# Egyptian guard killed in clash at Gaza border

RAFAH Egyptian security forces and Palestinians clashed at the Gaza border vesterday over the delay of an international aid convoy, killing one Egyptian border guard and wounding 15 Palestinians. It was the worst violence

on the border since an Egyptian major was killed by Palestinian gunmen during Israel's offensive on the Gaza Strip in December 2008.

The incident further raises tension between Egypt and the Hamas rulers of the Gaza Strip who see Cairo's attempts to seal the border as a direct threat to their survival. Egypt has come under criticism from Arab groups for co-operating with Israel in its 28month blockade of the ter-THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Iraqi man charged in daughter's death may need mental health exam: Lawyer

PHOENIX The lawyer for an Iraqi immigrant charged with killing his 20-year-old daughter says his client doesn't understand court proceedings and may need a mental-health evaluation. Authorities say Faleh

Hassan Almaleki, 49, ran down his daughter with his Jeep on Oct. 20 as she was walking across a parking lot in the Phoenix suburb of Peoria. Noor Faleh Almaleki died Nov. 2.

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#### **News** in brie

ALASKA An ice sculpture of former U.S. vice-president Al Gore hooked up to the exhaust of a pickup truck, appearing as though he's spouting hot air, was erected in Fairbanks, Alaska. The sculpture was commissioned by locals.

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# Child soldiers start new lives Whalers, protesters

**Hundreds of former child** soldiers who once fought for Nepal's Maoist rebels will finally be released from the UN-monitored detention camps they have called home for the past three years to begin new lives as civilians.

But many of the young

day at the thought of hav-ing to turn in their green camouflage uniforms and leave their comrades behind

Nearly 20,000 former rebel fighters — formally known as the Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) -

have lived in seven main camps since 2006, when they gave up their 10-year armed rebellion to join a peace process. UN monitors found that 2,975 of the fighters were under 18.

The process of releasing the child soldiers is going forward, starting with 371

of the former fighters at the Dudhauli camp who will be released today.

The young former rebels have been issued special identification cards that will allow them to go to school or college, take up vocational training

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# crash off Antarctica

**COLLISION** A conservation group's boat had its bow sheared off and was taking on water yesterday after it collided with a Japanese whaling ship in the frigid waters off Antarctica, the group said. The boat's six

crew members were safely rescued.

The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society had sent its vessel to try to harass the Japanese fleet into ceasing its annual whale hunt. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# France mulls auotas for top schools

**EDUCATION** France is facing a dilemma: Should the government force its most prestigious schools, those that produce presidents, prime ministers and CEOs. to be less elitist about the students they let in?

Government ministers, intellectuals and activists clashed this week over whether to set quotas to ensure more low-income students can attend a handful of "grandes ecoles," university-level institutions seen as the country's premier path to prosperity and power.

The government, pressed to ease social tensions and persistent class divides in a country whose motto includes the word "equality," proposed that the schools give 30 per cent of spots to students

on financial aid. The body that oversees the publicly funded schools, the Conference des grandes ecoles, shot the plan down. Ouotas. they said, would dumb the system down, crippling the competitiveness of top French schools and their graduates in the international marketplace.

Education Minister Luc Chatel said he was 'shocked" by the schools rejection of quotas.

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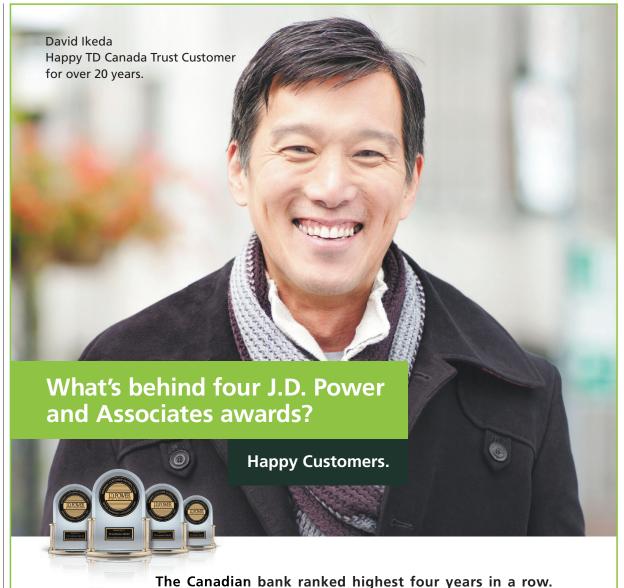
# Bomber wasn't a **CIA** agent: Wife

**BOMBER** The wife of the suspected Jordanian double agent who killed seven CIA officers in Afghanistan says her husband considered the United States as an adversary.

She said she doubts that her husband worked as a double-agent for the CIA and Jordan's spy service.

Defne Bayrak, the Turkish wife of Humam Khalil Abu-Mulal al-Balawi, said yesterday she was shocked at the news that her husband blew himself up at a base in Afghanistan on Dec. 30, killing himself and the officers.

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# Pitfalls of resolutions



o, it's been almost a week. How are those resolutions holding up?

I wish you luck. The delinquency rates are high, and no wonder. This is a wretched time of year to embark on major renova-tions to one's finances, waistline, health or character. It's my personal conviction that to get through these dark, cold months, you'll need every vice and crutch you have in your ar-

Bad habits might be easier dumped in June, but we persist in picking this arbitrary date to spontaneously

I've made one small, resolution, indeed one perhaps so incremental as to be meaningless. My beloved has a handful of semi-ambitious

ones and a "We are also not track better ing them hap- to live with while

I see no sign so far that ei- self-improvement." ther of our

plans have us headed for couple trouble, which resolutions can bring about with unnerving ease.

First and foremost, resolution season has us focused on our faults, thus reminding our partners of a few minor glitches instead of the pretty damn OK overall package. Excessive dissatisfaction with oneself can be contagious.

We are also not always at our easiest to live with while in the throes of self-

improvement. If you're trying to kick booze or smokes, your special someone gets to enjoy your irritability at deprivation or self-loathing at backslide.

You can also find yourself roped inrecord of mak- always at our easiest to resolutions vou never made. If your partner is on

/ement." a diet, especially if you live together, good luck not ending up on it yourself. Misery loves company, and gets annoying if you keep snarfing back the pizza.

It probably helps to share your resolutions with each other, to get that gym buddy effect and reinforce your respective resolve, but, in the face of entirely understandable failure, a little understanding goes a long

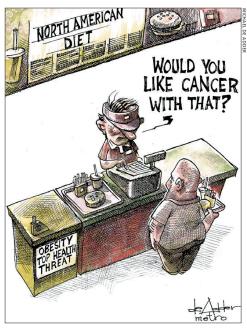
And please, please, re-frain from making resolu-

tions for each other, or even suggesting them, except in extreme circumstances. Let's say you can suggest one every five years if you're willing to accept suggestions in turn, but I'd still suggest skipping it en-

Never far enough away, after all, is the ultimate hazard of this time of year: Getting resolved right out the door as your significant other starts taking stock and deciding what stavs and what goes in his or her life, and you end up on the latter list.

It's not for nothing that family lawyers mark D-Day (Jan. 8 or thereabouts), the day that they begin the greatest annual volume of divorce proceedings. I suspect a lot of these begin as New Year's resolutions. Be careful out there.

Steve Collins offers his best guesses on relationships for Metro every two weeks.



# **Worth mentioning**

# Report blows tetrapod theory out of the water

fin to foot fairly well under-

stood. The earliest tetrapods

had been traced to 385 mil-

lion years ago. Experts theo-

their close relatives, a fleshy-

finned family of fish, a few

rized they had split from

The water-dwelling ancestors of modern-day mammals, reptiles and birds

emerged onto land millions of years earlier than previously lieved. searchers reported.

A set of fossilized footprints show first the tetrapods — a term applied to any four-footed animal with a spine - were tread-

ing open ground 397 million years ago, well before scientists thought they existed.

An expert unconnected

with the research said the find would force experts to reconsider a critical period

in evolution when seabased vertebrates took their first steps toward becoming di-Until now, scientists thought they had the evolution from

nosaurs, mammals and — eventually — hu-

man beings. the whole story out of the water, so to speak," said

Clack, a paleontologist at Cambridge University.

The work appears in today's issue of the journal Nature. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

million years earlier and then gone on to conquer land.

# We Know What You're Thinking

The number of Canadians who spend more than six minutes in the shower



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# **Views**

# Idiot box: Tuning out Berlusconi's TV culture

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Bodies



One of the joys of living in an immigrant household is the access to diasporic television. It connects you to your family's pop culture which in my case consists mostly of soap operas, cooking shows and abnormally thin, doll-like beauty queens vying for the Miss Hong Kong crown.

So I understand the preoccupation with the idea of femininity, something that seems to afflict Lorella Zanardo as well. Her documentary-manifesto, Il Corpo Delle Donne (Women's Bodies), was borne out of the frustration of watching Italian television turn

women into veline — bikini-clad talk show sidekicks.

In clips from the doc, the models are mocked for their ditziness, paraded before male talk show hosts in thongs, doused

within glass-walled showers, or (in a painfully literal analogy) hung from hooks like

meat. Despite the treatment, veline are celebrities, courted by famous soccer players, so it's no surprise some young Italian women report they strive to become

"Real women's bodies have been hidden away; instead we are presented with an obsessively vulgar image made of silicone lips, thighs, breasts: The truth is removed and replaced with a mask," Zanardo narrates, one she

says robs women of their identities, opinions, and natural beauty. "Who are we? What do we want? Why aren't all Italian women in the streets protesting against the way

they are rep-resented?" On the web I asked my

friend Nina, whose family watches Italian shows the

watches Hong Kong ones, whether it really was as bad as the doc suggested. It is, she nodded

The root of the problem? "It's Berlusconi," she said, referring to Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi. Before he ruled Italy's politics, he conquered its cul-ture with his Mediaset empire of television stations. . Veline are rampant on his channels, and a former model, Mara Carfagna, went on to become his

minister of equal opportu-

It's shocking there's been little backlash until now, but Berlusconi's popularity among women, his primary supporters, is waning. His dalliance with an 18-year-old highlighted the absurdity of this 73year-old man's attitude towards women. I was heartened to read

this from Italian Prof. Chiara Volpato in a New York Times op-ed: "Today there are two Italys: One Italy has soaked up Mr. Berlusconi's ideology either out of self-interest or an inability to resist his enormous powers of persuasion; the other is fighting back" - which means sooner or later, they're going to rise up and pull the plug on Silvio's TV set.

Canice Leung is a former editor of Ryerson University feminist magazine McClung's, copy editor at Metro, ardent feminist and loudmouth.

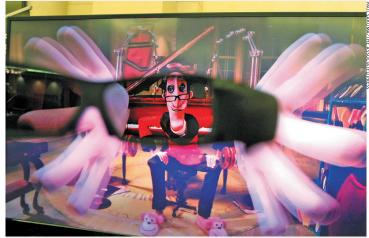
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#### Canada still wants names of tax evasion suspects

Canada still hopes to persuade UBS to hand over the names of Canadian clients suspected of tax evasion but it may sue the Swiss bank to get the list if negotiations fail, Revenue Minister Jean-Pierre Blackburn said on Tuesday. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Las Vegas In your face



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### **Business** in brief

**MARKETS** The Toronto Stock Exchange set new trading and financing records last year, a period when the market gained just under 31 per cent in stock value. Canada's dominant stock exchange owner, TMX Group, said yesterday

that total financings raised \$60 billion for companies, surpassing the previous record of \$47.6 billion set in 2007. Meanwhile, the total 2009 trading volume of 118.5 billion shares was higher than the record of 109.2 billion

**AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY Gen**eral Motors Canada is denying a report that suggests it could reduce production at its Canadian plants when it adds new car models over the next few

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# **Government debt** a concern: Pollsters

But majority expects better economy in 2010, study says

Canadians are starting to put their confidence back in the economy but their concern over government debt has risen, according to a new survey from Pollara Strategic Research.

The study found that 54 per cent of Canadians surveyed in December expected the economy will improve in 2010. That's far more optimistic than at the same time last year, when Canada was in the midst of a major global recession

Only 20 per cent of those surveyed in the previous poll for the Economic Club of Canada expected 2009 would bring better times. The latest Pollara poll al-

so found 17 per cent of respondents believe Canada is in a period of moderate growth, compared with only six per cent who felt that way in 2009.

Pollara chairman Michael Marzolini told the Economic Club of Canada yesterday that while many Canadians' fears about the

## Slower growth

 The real challenge facing Canadians is not that the country will slip back into recession, but getting used to slower growth, economists say. An aging population and reduced demand are among factors that will determine how quickly the economy expands.

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economy have abated, "the public has now shifted to focus on the growing national debt."

Marzolini said that the number of Canadians expecting higher taxes has doubled since the survey last year.

The poll results were collected from 4,263 respondents on Pollara's online panel between Dec. 6-14. A sample of this size is considered to be accurate within 1.5 percentage points, 19 times out of 20. The Pollara poll is the

latest evidence that the Canadian economy is on the mend, after suffering the biggest downturn in decades starting in the latter part of 2008 and continuing until at least mid-2009

Although the Bank of Canada declared last summer that the recession had ended, and Statistics Canada's reports on gross domestic product have sup-ported that conclusion, some regions and some economic sectors are still struggling.

The Bank of Canada has warned that stronger Canadian dollar could offset economic gains. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Andre Dawson, left, was elected to the Hall of Fame yesterday in his ninth try, while Bert Blyleven and Roberto Alomar fell just short of earning baseball's highest honour. The former Montreal Expos outfielder received 420 of 539 votes in results announced by the Baseball Writers' Association of America. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

# Sports



# **Arenas suspended by NBA**

NBA commissioner David Stern indefinitely suspended Gilbert Arenas, left, without pay yesterday, saying the Washington Wizards guard is "not currently fit to take the court." Stern also warned Arenas's conduct will "ultimately result in a substantial suspension, and perhaps worse." Arenas is under investigation by federal and local authorities after admittedly bringing guns to the locker room. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Goalies must be better: Clouston

At a time when the Ottawa Senators could be concerned with scoring goals, giving them up in bunches is becoming a problem.

After having to pull his starting goaltender in each of the past two games — although surprisingly only one of those was a loss — Ottawa coach Cory Clouston was in a bit of a surly mood yesterday morning, seeking an improved effort from netminders Pascal Leclaire and Brian Elliott.

"We have to give them more support," Clouston said, "but they also have to be better for us."

On Tuesday, Ottawa suffered a 4-1 loss at home to the Boston Bruins in a game that saw Elliott pulled after giving up all four goals on 16 shots in less than a period of work.

Elliott was only starting because Leclaire had been so poor in the previous game, a 7-4 victory over



Pascal Leclaire, pictured, and fellow goaltender Brian Elliott have fallen on rough times in Ottawa.

the Philadelphia Flyers on Sunday. The Senators won that despite Leclaire giving up three goals on 10 shots before getting the hook.

With his team's top goal scorers, Mike Fisher and Milan Michalek, struggling to find the back of the net while Jason Spezza and Daniel Alfredsson sit out with injuries, the Senators would do well to be as tight as

possible defensively.
The Senators' defence-

men, not a very physical bunch, aren't making things easy for their goalies.

Clouston tried to avoid pinning the blame on Elliott for Tuesday's loss, but considering he defended m.metrenews.ca



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his team's overall defensive play, it's pretty clear who he's pointing the finger at.

"We gave up 10 chances last night ... anytime you're around 10 or 11, you're pretty happy with that," Clouston said.

"We have to be better, especially early on in the game, but we need a couple of saves as well ... to give us an opportunity," Clouston said before the team left for Washington, where the Senators will face the Capitals, the NHL's highest-scoring team, today.

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# **Sports** in brief

Dawson elected to Hall; Alomar, Blyleven denied

UFC The UFC has pencilled in June 12 as its debut show in Vancouver, according to a source. City council paved the way for the mixed martial arts juggernaut to come to the West Coast when it approved a two-year trial period for the sport last month.

HENRY Police won't charge the fiancée of late Cincinnati Bengals receiver Chris Henry in connection with his death last month. Charlotte-Mecklenburg police announced yesterday there was no evidence that Loleini Tonga drove recklessly or with excessive speed last month when Henry came out of the back of her pickup truck on a curvy, residential road and suffered fatal injuries.

DUI Former NHL defenceman Chris Chelios was arrested last month and charged with drunk driving and speeding in suburban Chicago. Westmont police say the 47-year-old Chelios, who now plays for the AHL's Chicago Wolves, was driving alone in his pickup truck when he was pulled over shortly after 4 a.m. on Dec. 28 for speeding and improper lane usage.

Roughriders say they need more time to decide whether general manager Eric Tillman has a future with the team.
There are questions about his future with the CFL club since he pleaded guilty earlier this week to sexually assaulting his children's teenage babysitter.

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# Sens slowly emerging from the rubble that 2009 created



f you're the Ottawa Senators, you're probably pretty happy to see 2009 in the rear-view mirror.

From the team's firing of coach Craig Hartsburg to its inability to make the playoffs to the Dany Heatley debacle, it certainly hasn't been a year for the ages.

In fact, you could argue

that 2009 and the months leading up to it were the moment in time when the Senators went from being one of the NHL's elite franchises to a decent, middle-of-the road team. And while we can't say the Senators are better for what they went through in 2009 — because the reality is that they're not — they're at least emerging from the rubble to give their fans some hope that better days are ahead in 2010.

You'd probably be surprised to learn that the Senators weren't all that much better in the last three months of 2009 than they were during the first three-plus months of the year. Their overall record from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 was 44-34-10 for a respectable winning percent-

"You could argue that 2009 and the months leading up to it were the moment in time when the Senators went from being one of the NHL's elite franchises to a decent, middle-of-the road team."

age of .557.

But their record from Jan. 1 to the end of last season (23-18-6, .553 winning percentage) is virtually the same as it was from the start of this season through Dec. 31 (21-16-4, .560 winning percentage).

So why should the Senators feel better about themselves now? Well, first of all, the Senators are in sixth place in the decidedly mediocre Eastern Conference, which is a whole lot better than looking up at 10 other teams, which was the position

they occupied when last season ended.

Secondly, coach Cory Clouston seems to have brought some stability and a winning feel back to the organization. From the time he was hired until Dec. 31, Clouston led the Senators to a 40-27-8 record, good for a .587 winning percentage.

In the past couple of months the Senators have become a lot more proficient at shootouts and Mike Fisher, while not an Olympian, has emerged as a bona fide scoring threat and is shaping up to be a serious contender for the Selke Trophy.

From a Senators perspective, there's a lot more to like about the prospects for 2010 than there was about 2009. But as the calendar turns to another year, Senators fans have to be finding themselves pining days long gone by more than looking forward to the ones ahead.

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Snowboarder with brain injury improving: Doctor

A Utah doctor says American snowboarder Kevin Pearce is improving in a Salt Lake City hospital. Pearce suffered a severe brain injury Thursday while preparing for Olympic qualifying events. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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# Vancouver Gam

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# Eagle returns to take part in torch relay

It's as close to Olympic glory as Eddie (the Eagle) Edwards is going to get these days.

The British man who became a folk hero during the 1988 Calgary Olympics for his geek-chic and infectious smile — despite placing dead last in ski jumping has returned to Canada as an official torchbearer in Winnipeg.
The favourite Olympic

underdog was to run 300 metres with the flame this morning to usher it out of the Manitoba capital.

Although his own dreams of glory were dashed over

two decades ago, Edwards is throwing himself into his

jump as



**Eddie Edwards** 

Britain's one-man team. "It's great. I'm loving it," Edwards said yesterday between a curling lesson at a Winnipeg rink and ice-skating on Manitoba's frozen

"I'm honoured to be asked to take part in the Olympic torch relay and be a part of the Canadian Olympic ideals and dreams and aspirations.

The 45-year-old had been ski jumping for just two years when he decided he wanted to participate at the 1988 Olympics. Back then, there were fewer restrictions on who could compete and Edwards put his name forward.

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# **High expectations**

Men's aerialists hope to avoid repeat of Turin disappointments

Their reactions ranged from confusion to optimism to bitter disappointment.

Four years after a disastrous showing at the 2006 Olympic Games, Canada's top men's aerialists are in a far better frame of mind this time around, confident they can put the memories of Turin behind them.

Steve Omischl is the lone Canadian to have already secured his spot for the Vancouver Games while Ryan Blais, Warren Shouldice and Kyle Nissen are also hoping to make the Olympic team and help Canada deliver on the high expectations next month at Cypress Mountain.

They opened their World Cup season in December at Changchun, China, where Omischl was the top Canadian, earning a fourth- and a fifth-place finish. The preparation continues this weekend with a World Cup in Calgary.

The Canadian men are no strangers to pre-Olympic hype. Omischl, a native of North Bay, Ont., who now lives in Kelowna, B.C., was " I definitely bit off more than I could chew."

Steve Omischl

the defending World Cup champion four years ago. But he was battling a plantar fasci ītis injury that cost him sev-

months of competition leading up to the Games. Ever the daredevil, Omischl attempt a difficult jump in the qualifying round, but botched the landing and ended up a disappointing

"I definitely bit off more than I could chew, and after coming off an injury, that was probably ill-advised," Omischl said during a recent interview.

"The whole coaching staff would probably agree with that, but that's what happens after coming off an injury and not training very



best scenario.' For Omischl and former national team veteran Jeff Bean, who also failed to qualify for the final, the result was devastating.

Omischl was wreck afterward,

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Steve Omischl

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gesting the qualifying miss was one of the worst moments of his life.

When asked if he has forgotten about the Turin fias-

"Well, it's ... nothing is ever behind you," said Omischl, who finished 11th at his first Olympics in Salt Lake City.
"You learn from what ex-

periences happen throughout your career.'

One of the lessons Omischl learned in Italy? Don't overcompensate.

"If anything, I'm just going to carry that knowledge that if I do have a minor setback or an injury going into Vancouver, that I don't have

to, to use a cheesy

hockey analogy, "grip the stick" so tight," he said. "I don't have to try that hard if I have a setback, I just kind of need to relax and trust in my abilities.'

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# Thousands of banners being hung in Vancouver

The city of Vancouver has started installing thousands of lamp-post banners displaying official Olympic logos in the leadup to next month's Winter Games.

The 6,000 banners will be erected in the coming weeks throughout the city,

featuring images of Olympic events and the official shades of blues and greens that make up the so-called look of the Games. Vancouver is

spending about \$650,000 on the project, with about half that paying for the banners and the rest covering the cost to put them

After the Games, the banners will likely be used for other purposes — as in the past, when about 700 banners celebrating Vancouver's successful Olympic bid were turned into backpacks for innercity school children.

The start of the banner program comes on the same day the city published an insert in a local newspaper to prepare residents for getting around during the Games, as well as giving them tips on how to treat visitors.

A top-10 list prepared by Tourism Vancouver asks people to help anyone who appears lost, be patient on public transit and invite visitors to come back to the THE CANADIAN PRESS

# Some Olympic staffers unhappy about losing use of BlackBerrys

A power struggle at Vancouver's Olympic headquarters has left staff divided into two camps: Those who get to keep their BlackBerrys

and those who don't. Since Waterloo-based Research In Motion, maker of the beloved communication device, is not a sponsor, Olympic staffers are being forced to turn in their

BlackBerrys for an Omnia or a Vice, both made by South Korea's Samsung, official provider wireless communications equipment the 2010 for Olympics.

move has been met with a down by thumbs



some staffers at the organizing commitknown as because VANOC, they're frustrated with the touch-screen devices and say key functions like sending and reading email are nearly impossible. Officially, VANOC

downplays the concerns, saying staffers with Sam-sungs just need to get used to the product. Still, concerted lobbying

at VANOC headquarters has meant a compromise allowing some staffers to discreetly keep their BlackBerry device, a rare breach of official sponsor protocol.

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# Cleaning up all that big Christmas mess

Struggling with post-Christmas clutter can suck the holiday cheer out of any home as festive lights yield to January bleakness, so Metro asked professional organizers for tips on reclaiming your

Jane Veldhoven, owner of the Halifax-based Get

Organized!, says the first step is out with the old to make room for the new. "I see so many people spending time moving their stuff from one place to another, when in reality there is just way too much stuff and no matter how much organizing you do,

it's never going to be under control," she says. Go online to offload your old TVs and sweaters. Use Facebook, Kijiji, Craigslist and your local freecycling site to find new homes.

"You post something on there you think no one will want and low and behold, there they are," she says. "It amazes me."

If that doesn't work, give you excess baggage to furniture banks and charity stores. Veldhoven connects clients to an artistically inclined church that regularly funnels unwanted item to amateur artisans, who happily recraft them.

Rosalie Maggio, author of The Art of Organizing Anything, says don't fear



Tidying after the holiday may seem daunting, but as author (of The Art of Organizing Everything) and consultant Rosalie Maggio says, "Procrastinating has its place."

# "No matter how much organizing you do, it's never going to be under control."

Jane Veldhoven on the virtues of selling your old stuff

the clutter. "Here's my theory: If you have clutter in the house, there's probably room for it in the house," she says. "What blows a lot of people is that it's so much to deal

So don't deal with it. Take Santa and the lights down, stuff things under the bed and make your house livable. Then forget about it until February.

"Procrastinating has its the California-

based consultant says. When you do start, break it down. Line up the rooms and go after them one by one. Channel the clutter as you go by starting a pile at the front door for things leaving the house, one for keys, one for mail and even one for things that have no immediate home. This keeps things moving toward their intended destinations, cutting clutter off at the pass. When you get to re-storing things, use the unused spaces under the bed for clothes or nets hanging from children's bedroom walls for toys or in the garage for sports equipment.

In the end, it only matters if it bothers you and your housemates, Maggio "There are people who are just a mess, and they're fine. It's only other people who say, 'Do you have enemies? Who did

# After a screaming holiday, some tips for quiet time



arking dogs, crying babies, internet and tv chatter, and the sound of video games played over and over again were all part of the holidays for me.

But I'm happy to report that, with the season safely behind us, I'm relishing the relative quiet of my work and home environment.

It also leaves me some time to reflect on how to go about minimizing noise in a household during those times of raucous merrymaking.

I've discovered that our kitchen, now so charmingly open and accessible to all (thanks to long-awaited renovations), is loud during large gatherings. All the lovely new hard surfacing such as tiles and countertops and backsplashes reflect right back at you the loud laughs, clattering dishes, excited dog barks and shrieks from over-stimulated children.

Sensible people might consider rationing the sugar and leaving the dog in a doggie hotel, and I might just consider it next year. Of course, I might have also anticipated noise and built sound attenuation technology into my home, but that didn't happen. So for those

of you in a similar situation, let me pass on the results of my reflections on how home decor can easily be used to help minimize

If a home is newly built or renovated or is simply sparsely decorated, sound waves have many smooth, reflective surfaces to bounce from, unobstructed, and noise becomes an issue. Particularly in a large room, such as a family room, you need soft (porous) surfaces to absorb noise rather than reflective hard surfacing.

That doesn't mean every surface has to be covered in fabric. A good rule of thumb is to cover at least 25 per cent of surfaces in a room in fabric or sound-attenuating finishes.

For example, a rug on the floor — on any type of un-carpeted flooring — will do wonders. Not only does it prevent loud clattering and footfalls, but it helps absorb ambient noise.

Sofas and chairs upholstered with fabric also provide a surface that absorbs noise, as do fabric cushions and throw blankets.



the dog in the kennel for occasions due to noise, try these tips to control sound first.

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# How the West is worn

Thousands of cowboys and cowgirls will be decked out in their Western finery at the National Western Stock Show in Denver this month. So what is today's well-dressed cowboys and cowgirls to wear? A clean hat with a carefully creas crown, maybe in a style called "Cattleman" or "Montana" or "Gus." They might also wear a brightly coloured shirt and heavily starched jeans. Left: A cowgirl-inspired design from Canadian design label Dsquared2. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Illustrator commenorates designers with fun cutouts

JANINE FALCON for Metro Canada

**DESIGNS** In the early days of her enthrallment with fashion, when she was a child, fashion illustrator Danielle Meder checked costume-history books out of the library and used them as reference to make paper dolls and elaborate cut-out paper gowns.
She moved on to other

mediums as she grew older, but returned to paper dolls last fall to commemorate Toronto LG Fashion Week's spring/summer 2010 collections.

"Every time fashion week comes around I look for a way to cover it that is different," said the Ryerson fashion grad in an interview with Metro.

"The season before, I did watercolour postcards." In total, Meder's charm-

ing project consists of 15 designer collections (in-cluding Vawk, Evan Bid-dell, Jessica Jensen, Pink Tartan and even Sears Attitude), 17 paper dolls and more than 60 items of clothing and accessories. "I did the drawings by hand, inked the outlines, scanned them, and coloured them in Photo-" explains Meder. doll took about three hours to complete.

Paper Dolls is available as a bound book printed on heavy stock for \$43 US from blurb.com, as well as in PDF form for \$17.95 directly from Meder via finalfashion@gmail.com. A free mini download is also available on her blog, finalfashion ca



# Fashion in the Fast lane

Any up-and-coming designer would be giddy at the opportunity to dress Lady Gaga, the fashion world's latest style icon.

But when the pop star's stylist approached Mark Fast to borrow some of his body-hugging knitwear designs, the Canadian-born, London-based designer politely declined.

"I love her music and that Bad Romance song is stuck in my head all the time, but we don't necessarily have to accept everyone just be-cause they are famous," says the soft-spoken designer with the angelic face, who was in Toronto last week for a meet-and-greet with the local media.

"My work is about a lifestyle. It's not fast-food fashion. It's not about trends, it's about classic, it's about the body, it's about beauty. Maybe that gets lost in the picture with certain celebrities.

Not that the 29-year-old

anything against celebrities. Kate Beyoncé, Kylie Minogue, Leighton Meester and Rihanna are all fans of his body-sculpting knitwear with the sexy

peekaboo weaves that is "He has taken an often referred old craft and made to as hosiery it look modern."

for the body.
Growing up
Barbara Atkins,
in rural Winfashion director at you think Holt Renfrew

Fast might have gravitated to chunkier, woolly knits.

But this graduate of the master's program at the prestigious London fashion institute, Central Saint Martins College of Art & Design, pushes the boundaries of knitwear. His cobweb patterns cling to the body with heavy textural surfaces. Some of his knit dresses for next spring feature details resemble alligator scales, while others blend Swarovski crystal-based

pearls directly into the

"He has taken an old craft and made it look modern, says Barbara Atkin, vicepresident of fashion direction at Holt

Renfrew. where Fast's collection is

sold in Cana-Hanging on a rack, his dresses look

like shrunken, wilted plants. But once on the female form, those knits blossom to life.

"There is a customization, in a way, to what he is doing because woman that puts on his pieces — it looks different on every woman," Atkin notes.

It is a point he was perhaps trying to make during London fashion week in September at his last show. Fast ignited a flurry of media attention. The designer



Mark Fast put size 0 and size 12 models on the same runway for his summer 2010 collection to show his knit dresses suit all sizes.

insisted on using a few plussized models in the show his size 12 models strutted the runway alongside size  $\mathbf{0}$ models — despite objections from his stylist, who

quit a few days before.
Since that breakout show, Fast's world is spinning, well, much faster.

He was nominated for a British Fashion Award this month. He is preparing an

upcoming collection for London's trendy Topshop. And he just launched an affordable collection called

And now that he snagged the attention of celebrities and the fashion media, expectations are high to see what magic he will weave for his next show at London fashion week in February

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award-winning pop band Kings of Leon are coming out with a new line of clothing this month to be sold at select stores in the U.S. and London. England, including Barneys New York. The 12-piece collection, called S2A x KOL, will include plaid shirts, stovepipe jeans, belts, jewelery, guitar straps and, of course, black fe doras. It hits stores Jan. 25.

In **brief** 

MEDIA British fashion publication V Magazine is breaking

the mould with an upcoming

issue devoted entirely to curvi-

er women. Called "The Size Is-

sue," the special edition will in-

women with fuller thighs, tum-

clude high-fashion shoots of

mies, breasts and even love

zine's Size Issue hits news-

handles sporting Gucci, Dolce

stands Jan. 14. Photographed

by Solve Sundsbo, this fashion

spread is considered to be the

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Williams stars in Chicago

Former Destiny's Child star Michelle Williams will see her name in lights next month when she high-kicks her way into the starring role of Roxie Hart in Chicago on Broadway. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# Madge mix Madonna is set to take a new rap-Entertainment producer Brendan O'Brien in an attempt to merge the genres on

# Ke\$ha's Animal is irresistible

Album: Animal Label: RCA/Sony Rating: 🕮 🎟 🥍

sort of althat bum critics are supposed to like. It oozes



autotune and celebrates a frat-girl culture where the two most important things in life are getting naked and guzzling Jack. Still, these songs are irresistible. As a matter of fact, the first single, TiK ToK, is the first No. 1 hit of the new decade. There's almost a Zap-paesque quality to the adolescent hedonism depicted here. How can you not fall in love with a song like Party at a Rich Dude's House. Is there, after all, anything better than drinking other

people's Dom Perignon guilt free? Then there's that voice. It may not possess the power of Streisand, but - unique and readily identifiable - it does have its virtues. And how about those freckles? We're going to be hearing a lot more than just TiK ToK from this. m Rockingham/for Metro Canada

#### **Diana** Panton

Album: Pink Label: Independent

AT TIMES IT seems like there's of army women out there with



sweet voices recording jazz standards with the backing of well-paid veteran musicians. Every city seems to have a couple and they all



pretty much sound alike. So it's truly delightful when one comes along who stands out from the rest, as Diana Panton does. She's a young singer from Hamilton, Ont., who pulled off a Juno nomination last year without any record label support. Pink

Panton's third self-produced CD - is stocked with 15 lighthearted romantic like standards Wouldn't It Be Loverly, Tea for Two, Me Myself and I and What is there to Sav. Panton delivers the perfect of balance wit and heartache. She doesn't just

sing these classics, she understands them. That's a rare talent and it has drawn three of the best jazz players in the country around her. Guido Basso (horns), Reg Schwager (guitar) and Don Thompson (keyboards) would follow her anywhere.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

#### The Parkas

Album: You Should Have Killed Us When You Had the Chance Label: Saved by Radio Rating: @@@@

IF TORONTO GROUP the Parkas broke up after its last lackluster



album, no one would have been upset. Instead the band's four members simultaneously quit and re-

critics'corner—

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leased the best album of their career. On their third record, they finally found themselves. They've made pop and rock records before, but this is the first time they've melded straight-up rock with quirky pop. And the results are admirable. Every track is as catchy as the next and they perfectly balance aggressive sounds with touching pop sensibilities. Hopefully there will be a reunion in the near future.

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# By Divine Right

Album: Mutant Message Label: Hand Drawn Dracula Rating: @@@1/2

**RIGHT** is a bit like the Second City of music. Musijoin cians



chops then leave for greener pastures (Brendan Canning, Leslie Feist and Brian Borcherdt to name a few). That leaves Iosé Contreras. the group's founder, to guide the band through different incarnations, sounds and eras. The group, now a trio, deliver a beautiful collection of psychedelic indie rock sounds on its first disc in five years. It's not unlike some past work, but with new bandmates it feels fresh and re-energized. Pisco Sour is an especially fun and bouncy tune.

the band to hone their

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hound pub, bans young Calum father, Tom (Liam Cunningham). Paddy could use some help from Tom because he's a supporter.



owner tries to enforce the rules in this new episode of the British series. Paddy Gargan (Bob Hoskins), landlord of the Grey-Miller (Robert Emms) for smoking. infuriating the boy's gangster the local football team, but the players are unwilling to cross But never fear; karma's got Paddy's back. 9 PM on 2 TVO



According to the foodchannel.com, sushi, gourmet burgers, pomegranates, bacon and cupcakes were some of the biggest food trends of the past decade, while wasabi and ginger were some of the top flavours. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Rating: \*\*\* Lunch & Dessert for 2:

Like many restaurants today, Canvas has a stated commitment to providing fresh, local and organic

food. This is fitting during the summer months, especially given its proximity to the Parkdale Market, yet challenging during Ottawa's winter months.

My Croque Monsieur (\$11) came with a lightly sandtoasted croissant wiched around the obligatory ham and cheese. Although filling, it was timidly seasoned and too weak to woo me. My guest ordered the Cuban Steak Sandwich (\$12) on ciabatta and was pleased with the

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seasoned beef filling, Mojo sauce, avocado, and tomato. We both felt the fries were passable, tender but lacking crispness on the outside.

For dessert, my guest ordered a green pistachio-flavoured Crème Brûlée (\$6), unique in colour but ness. Chocolate was on the menu, so I tried it. A tower of chocolate mousse (\$6) set on a drizzle of raspberry coulis was rich, chocolatey and a sweet ending to a meal that had its best moments during dessert.

While the service was impeccable, the food at Canvas didn't make us want to rush back for a return visit (at least during the winter months). We'll wait until summer arrives to return.



The Cuban Steak Sandwich (\$12) at Canvas.

# **Global Peasant blog online**

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Robbie Williams plans to get married on Valentine's Day, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer got engaged last week but is desperate to make Ayda Field — who he has been dating for around three years — his wife. METRO NEWS SERVICES

# **Celebrity Buzz**

IT JUST DOESN'T STOP One of the many claims filed against Michael ackson's estate turns out to be from a woman who claims she briefly married to the eccentric

pop star in the 1970s. Shellie Doreen Smith says she doesn't remember the exact details of their brief marriage, but the private ceremony took place at a New York hotel, and the only witnesses were hotel employees, according to METRO NEWS SERVICES

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# Claimant seeks cash Russell Brand, Katy Perry engaged

MORE WEDDING BLISS Word is circulating that comedi-an Russell Brand and singer Katy Perry reportedly are engaged, with us-magazine.com reporting Brand has confirmed the impending nuptials.

Brand, 34, is quoted in Wednesday's editions of the Britain Sun as texting, "It's true. Much love."

Adding fuel to the flame, Perry, 25, Tweeted around 1 a.m. New York time from Thailand on Wednesday an oblique reference to an Alanis Morrisette song: "So when do I start walking

the streets naked singing that Alanis song?"

Morrisette's lines in

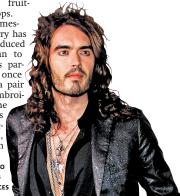
MOFTISETTE S lines in Thank You include: "How about me just enjoying the moment for once" and "Thank you India" (where "Thank you India" (where the couple vacationed recently).

The couple, who've been dating since this autumn, have been nearly inseparable since hooking up.

But that there were rumours of nuptials isn't surprising: Brand hinted earlier this month that he foresaw having kids with the singer, famous for her over-the-top fruitthemed props.

On the domes tic front, Perry has already introduced the comedian to her religious parents, and once showed off a pair of undies embroidered with the colors of his favorite soccer team. West Ham United.

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# Swift has body image issues

THE YOUNG GIRLS WHO IDOL-IZE THEM... MAKES YOU THINK. DOESN'T IT? Taylor Swift doesn't like her body, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Despite her glittering film and music career, the 20year-old starlet isn't confident with her appearance and is inundated with insecurities about her face and body.

She said: "I definitely have body issues, but everybody does. When you come to the realization that everybody does that - even the people that I consider flawless - then vou can start to live with the way you are.

"I've read interviews

with some of the most beautiful women have insecurities And vou look at them and you're like 'How do you have?' Name one thing wrong with yourself and they could name a handful." However, Tay-

lor has vowed to beat her insecurities and learn to love her body.

She said: don't really want to be that way. I'd like to try to maintain confidence

who cause I don't really want to change it. Everybody has insecu-

Austin was so vicious that I

ended up getting a hairline

fracture in my neck. I'm not joking," Stallone

tells FHM magazine. "I

haven't told anyone this, but I had to have

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everybody hopefully vou can overcome them.'

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Williams wants wedding bells

Eddie Izzard is looking out for the foxes and Tila Tequila starts a feud with Perez Hilton

@eddieizzard In the UK, the Tory party will bring back fox hunting if they can win an election. They haven't changed from last

time.
• @OfficialTila @PerezHilton haha already showing your true colors like a fat little kid who lost another candy bar.

# **Lopez** mad at Oscar snub

A PERFORMANCE TO RIVAL

GIGLI Jennifer Lopez feels a little neglected by the Academy. The singer and actress believes her role in 2006's El Cantante was Oscar-worthy, even if she didn't get a nomination.

"I feel like I had that in El Cantante, but I don't even think the Academy members saw it. I feel like it's their responsibility to do that, to see everything that's out there. everything that could be great," Lopez tells Latina magazine, though she in-

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it.



### Sly fractures neck **Manson pops** question?

ENOUGH WEDDING BLISS TO MAKE YOU SICK Marilyn Manson apparently wants to make it official with Evan Rachel Wood. The



Sylvester Stal lone got a little to into work while filming The Expendables, fight scene sending him to the hospital with a broken

a very serious operation afterwards. I now have a metal plate in my neck. neck. "My fight with Stone Cold

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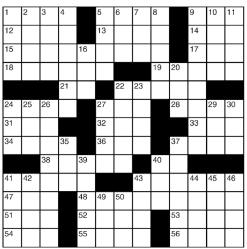


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# Metro Recipe of the Day

## **Quick Thai Chicken Pizza**

Submitted by: Darlene Chapman Dawson Creek,

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1 boneless skinless chicken breast 1 Cup skim milk

mozzarella cheese 1 Cup shredded carrot (packaged ok)

1 Cup bean sprouts 4 whole wheat large tortillas

2 Tablespoon olive oil 2 Teaspoon sesame oil

2 Tablespoon tahini paste (look for this in the peanut butter section of the supermarket) 2 green onion

2 Teaspoon sesame seeds

#### METHOD:

1 Heat oven to 375°F 2. In microwave oven container cover chicken breast with 1 tsp sesame oil, cook according to microwave directions. 3. Remove and let sit while preparing crust. 4. On large cookie sheet,

sprinkle 1/4 cup cheese over 2 tortillas, top with additional 2 tortillas. Cook in oven for 5 minutes. 5. Remove from oven when cheese has melted. spread each tortilla with 1 tbsp of olive oil and 1 tbsp of tahini paste. 6. Dice chicken and divide

on two tortilla pizzas. 7. Divide remaining cheese, pop back in oven for approx 7-10 minutes until melted.

8. Sprinkle shredded carrots and sprouts on top of pizza.

9. Top with chopped green onions and sprinkle 1 tsp sesame oil and 1 tsp of sesame seeds on top of each pizza.

#### **SERVES 2**

PREP TIME: 10 MINUTES COOK TIME: 15 MINUTES



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#### ARIES MARCH 21-APRIL 20

You will be tempted to do something outrageous today, just to spice things up a bit. You must not go too far over the top. You'll regret it if you do.

#### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Two groups of friends - one to do with your work and one to do with your family – are unlikely to mix well today, so keep them apart if you can.

# TAURUS

(g) APRIL 21-MAY 21
You will have at least one and maybe several opportunities to move up in the world over the next few days, but will you take advantage of them?

### **SCORPIO**

OCT 24-NOV 22
Watch what you say and how you say it over the next 24 hours, because your words may be interpreted as being overly aggressive or antagonistic.

#### **GEMINI**

 $(\Pi)$ MAY 22-JUNE 21 You can sense that something good is going to happen but because you are so impatient you may try to hurry things along, and that could be a mistake

### **SAGITTARIUS**

NOV 23-DEC 21
In all areas, but especially when dealing with people you don't know too well, avoid excessive behavior. Tone down your act a bit.

#### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

Something will happen so sud-denly today that you may be shocked by how quickly a situation you thought you had un-

der control deteriorates

#### CAPRICORN **DEC 22-JAN 20**

The urge to do something drastic, especially in regards to your money situation, must be controlled.

#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

You may be tempted to take some kind of risk today, the kind of risk that has paid off for you many times in the past. It might swamp you.

### **AQUARIUS**

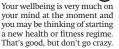
JAN 21-FEB 18
A setback of some kind will throw your day into confusion and there is really not a lot you'll be able to do about it. You'll survive it.

#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

Someone will play on your emotions today, most likely iust for the fun of it. They can only hurt you if you take what they say seriously.

### **PISCES**

FEB 19-MARCH 20



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